

Fulneck and Gomersal Moravian Church

Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday 6th May 2020



Minister's Letter

Dear friends,

It is now seven weeks since we last held services or meetings in our church buildings. We are getting used to the weekly newsletters, video services and virtual meetings that have enabled us to continue to be connected to each other and to worship together during this time. Even after we have come through this period, I am sure that such technology will play a greater part in the life of the church and in many other aspects of our lives.

We will continue to produce videos for each Sunday during lockdown. Thank you to all the readers, and to Br Porter for playing the organ. I will try to increase the volume this week as some people have found it a bit quiet.

We will be having another **Julian Meeting** using Zoom on **Wednesday 13th May at 10.30am**. It has been good to continue this time of quiet contemplation every fortnight, and if anyone new would like to join us please let me know.

The next **Bible Book Club** will be held on **Wednesday 20th May at 2pm**, again using Zoom. This month we are looking at Revelation. If you would like the Bible Society notes to accompany the book, please let me know.

We will also be holding a **Quiz** using Zoom on **Tuesday 12th May at 7.30pm**. If you or your household would like to take part, please send me an email and I will send you the details. Thank you to Br and Sr Keighley for putting the questions together. This quiz will be our main activity to mark Christian Aid Week which runs from the 10th to 16th of May. We are asking each team to make a donation to Christian Aid, of which the Moravian Church is a sponsoring denomination.

Because of the current social distancing measures, this Christian Aid Week is going to be different to previous years. The following letter to supporters was posted on the website, www.christianaid.org.uk:

Dear supporters,

Many of you will have been planning house-to-house collections and events. Under the current circumstances, sadly, house-to-house collections and delivery-only collections should not go ahead. Instead, we are building a vibrant, virtual Christian Aid Week so you can take part with our online community. We would

love you to join in to show love for our neighbours near and far, as a global family. It's more important than ever that we come together as a community to worship and to share fun and fellowship. That is why during Christian Aid Week we will be live-streaming worship each day and hosting a fun daily quiz. Sign up using the links on our website.

Christian Aid and our partners already have experience of limiting the spread of infection during the Ebola crisis, and we will build on this experience to continue to stand together with communities living in poverty during this period. If infection rates start to develop as they are in Europe, then people in poorer countries will be hit even harder. Many are already living with reduced health resilience because of extreme poverty, or in overcrowded humanitarian camps and in countries which do not have the healthcare infrastructures needed to combat widespread disease. We will be working on the ground to help prepare communities to limit the impact of Covid-19. Please pray for us in this vital work and support us where you can by making a donation (please give via the website where possible or call 020 7523 2269 to donate by telephone.)

We are praying for all those affected by this new virus, both in Britain and overseas, for all those working on the frontline and for wisdom for our leaders. We will continue to monitor the situation as it evolves. During this challenging time, we all need to take seriously the science and advice being offered, remaining calm but vigilant. I am keeping you all in my prayers.

With every blessing,

*Amanda Khozi Mukwashi
Chief Executive of Christian Aid*

Stay safe and well. If you haven't received this newsletter electronically and would like to in future weeks, please send me an email.

Yours in Christ,

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